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25X1 1. On 20 September 1949 a fall grain harvest survey was made by Tukin*, a counselor of the Soviet embassy in North Korea, and YI Ch'un-paek (李春-培), a Russian-born Korean. The survey covered the areas around Sariwon (125-44, 38-30), Chaeryong (125-38, 38-24), and Changyon (125-06, 38-16) in Hwanghae Province. It was estimated that fall crops in the area would be 17 percent higher than in 1948.

2. As a result of this and similar surveys, the Soviet ambassador, Shtykov, reaffirmed his request of 11 July 1949 to KIM Il-sŏng for grain exports to the USSR. He requested the following amounts from each province:

North Pyongan Province	700,000 sok**
South Pyongan Province	730,000 sok
Hwanghae Province	950,000 sok
North Hamgyong Province	250,000 sok
South Hamgyong Province	250,000 sok
Kangwon Province	50,000 sok

Total 2,900,000 sok

3. The Soviet manager of Churin Company, Mikhailov***, accompanied by his Korean clerk, YI Sŏng-ch'il (李成七), made a field inspection trip during the week ending 7 November 1949. He was sent to check the availability of food for export, and also to make some changes in the Chongjin (129-49, 41-46) Soviet troop liaison office and supply center. He reported to the Soviet embassy in Pyongyang upon his return, but the substance of his findings is not known.

4. KIM Ch'aek (金策), North Korean Minister of Commerce, assigned a production quota to the sock manufacturers of North Korea, to be fulfilled by 31 October 1949. On 13 November the 380,000 pairs of socks produced were loaded on freight cars at Pyongyang railroad station. They were consigned to the Chongjin branch of the Soviet-Korean Marine Transportation Company (朝蘇海運株式会社), and were to be sent to the USSR on Soviet transports.

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- 25X1 [] Comment. This is the name as received in Korean transliteration. Gregori Ivanovich Tunkin, Counselor First Class of the Soviet embassy in North Korea, has been reported in Korea intermittently since 1942.
- 25X1 [] Comment. Sok is a unit of measure, approximately 40 U.S. gallons.
- 25X1 [] Comment. One K. P. Mikhailov was a bookkeeper in the Churin office in Mukden in 1948.